

Board of Education Meeting Recap

The Township High School District 211 Board of Education met on Thursday, March 15, 2018, in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center. The following is a recap of important items that were acted upon at the meeting.

Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized state award winners who placed in statewide activity and athletic competitions. Included among the honorees were students from James B. Conant and William Fremd High School Girls Gymnastics and Wrestling Teams, as well as Fremd High School Speech Team. Also recognized at the meeting were students from the Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg High School Girls Bowling Teams that finished second and third in the state, respectively. The complete list of students recognized at the meeting is available [here](#).

Presentation: Facilities and Capital Improvement Update

It has been the long-standing commitment of District 211 to provide safe, functional, and adaptable facilities that contribute to the educational program and have a positive impact on student achievement. As a component of the District's financial and operational goals, the long-range capital outlay plan is designed to align with the District's Strategic Plan, building utilization, improvement and maintenance schedule, and serve the educational goals. The District is in the last year of its current five-year capital improvement plan and has developed and begun completing projects in its next 10-year capital improvement plan, consistent with the Strategic Plan. The capital improvement plan is reviewed and updated annually to reflect the District's progress and considers changes due to financial, demographic, technological, or energy-related conditions.

As the District completes capital improvement projects, the Board of Education will continue to be provided with project status and financial updates for each project. Administration also will continue to provide planning recommendations for the remainder of the capital improvement plan and for the upcoming 10-year capital improvement plan recommended for future years.

Chief Operating Officer **Lauren Hummel**, Controller & Treasurer **Barbara Peterson**, and Director of Facilities & Business Services **Christopher Kontney** presented a report to the Board of Education that summarized the work completed to this point relative to both mandated life safety improvements and capital improvement projects. The presentation and report also included a

summary of the progress relative to life safety projects and the capital improvement project timeline scheduled over the next 10-year period in conjunction with financial planning considerations as the District operates debt-free.

A complete copy of the Board report is available [here](#), along with a copy of the [presentation](#).

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education approved the minutes from its regular meeting on [February 15, 2018](#).

Enrollment Projections

The Board of Education received information on enrollment projections through the 2025-2026 school year. Enrollment projections are based on fall data received from School Districts 15 and 54, and assume attendance boundaries as defined in October 2001, with no significant shifts of families within the District. The projections include students who will attend the District's five high schools. Off-campus projections are based on enrollments at District 211 North Campus, Higgins Education Center, and private facilities for the 2017-2018 school year and on a five-year average for the remaining years. Not included in the projections are the number of students who may enroll in District schools based upon their families specifically moving into District 211 boundaries for its educational excellence.

Changes in the housing market could alter the projections. A new subdivision in Hoffman Estates currently under construction, Bergman Pointe, will have 81 single-family houses, and it is projected that Fremd High School could have approximately 22 additional students based on estimates using analysis from Illinois School Consulting/Associated Municipal Consultants. Similarly, the Village of Schaumburg is completing estimates on students who may attend District 211 once the former Motorola property is developed.

Projections indicate that the District's enrollment at its five high schools will remain stable for the upcoming school year, increasing just 0.12% in 2018-2019. District 211 will continue to experience increases in enrollment every year until 2025-2026. Enrollment at the District's five large high schools is projected to increase to a high of 11,940 in 2024-2025, with a total District enrollment approaching 12,181.

Additional information on enrollment projections is available [here](#).

Bid for Consideration: Sale of 62-Acre Land

Following many months of review and consideration, at the January 18, 2018 meeting, the Board of Education adopted a resolution authorizing the sale of its 62-acre property located at East Wise Road and South Summit Drive in Schaumburg. The Board established a minimum selling price of the real estate at \$17 million and incorporated the terms and conditions of its sale into the resolution, along with establishing a bid opening date of February 20, 2018.

The Board awarded the sale of the 62-acre land to the highest bidder, M/I Homes, in the amount of \$20,515,000.

Additional information on the bid for consideration, as well as a copy of the resolution authorizing the sale of the land, is available [here](#).

In-Service Dates for 2018-2019

At its December 8, 2016 meeting, the Board of Education adopted the school calendar for 2018-2019, with 181 student attendance days; and four institute days on: Wednesday, August 8 2018; Thursday, August 9, 2018; Friday, August 10, 2018; and Monday, January 7, 2019.

Shortened days for in-service training of staff have been used and are consistent with the allowances under school code. The principal at each school has determined which days will be used for in-service training, with no more than five shortened days allowed per school. According to state guidelines, students must be in attendance for at least three hours during a shortened day. For designated shortened days in District 211, students attend classes for 4½ hours.

The Board approved in-service programs for staff on Thursday, August 30, 2018 (Parent Open House) and Wednesday, October 10, 2018 (District 211 College Night), as students will attend school for 4½ hours on these days and the remainder of time staff will focus on continuing work to increase student achievement. In addition, each school has a shortened day on the national administration of the SAT in April each year. The Board also approved the following shortened days for in-service training and special events: October 26, 2018; February 8, 2019; February 15, 2019; May 10, 2019; and May 17, 2019, of which each school may choose a maximum of two days for the 2018-2019 school year.

2018-2019 Tentative Budget: Debt Service and Fire Prevention Life Safety Funds

The Board of Education received for review the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 tentative budget for two of the three non-operating funds: the Debt Service Fund and the Fire Prevention Life Safety Fund.

The 2018-2019 tentative budget for these funds was developed in accordance with the Illinois Program Accounting Manual and presents revenue and expenditures by category and fund.

The following budget parameters were established and incorporated into the 2018-2019 budget development process for the District's non-operating funds:

- Allocate costs associated with achieving District academic goals and Strategic Plan
- Allocate \$3 million in the Life Safety Fund for approved projects from the Working Cash Fund

The District has no outstanding bonded debt as of December 1, 2017, therefore there will be no tax levy into the Debt Service Fund. However, it is anticipated that the District will need to issue refunds against prior year levies for many years into the future, resulting in a negative balance in 2019 for property tax revenue.

Final work on the 2010 Life Safety projects will conclude at Fremd High School this summer, and the next Life Safety study is currently underway and will be completed in the fall. Once the study is completed and approved by the Illinois State Board of Education, work on the approved projects must begin within six months. Although the scope of this work is unknown at this time, \$1 million has been budgeted for next year to begin on approved projects, and for 2019, all Life Safety projects will be funded through a \$3 million transfer of reserves from operating funds.

Additional information is available [here](#).

One-to-One Program Update

High School District 211's One-to-One program was fully implemented in the 2014-2015 school year, at which time every student was assigned an Apple iPad as an educational device to assist with learning and the development of collaboration skills, a global competitive skill valued by future employers.

The Board of Education received a One-to-One program update, including a review of program goals and objectives. This spring, District 211 will administer a survey to students and teachers to assess progress made against program goals during the 2017-2018 school year. Results of this survey will be compared to survey results from 2016-2017 to identify priorities for professional learning activities and student supports. Surveys will be administered again in the spring of 2018-2019 for further comparisons, grade-level growth patterns, and overall

trend data to help the One-to-One Committee align its work to best support the program and continuous improvement.

Also shared with the Board was information about 2018-2019 iPad purchase preparations, as the District is in discussions with Apple regarding anticipated purchase of iPads for the Class of 2022. Current price quotes have the purchase price at \$284 per unit, which represents an approximate 13% discount from the retail price of \$329 per unit. A formal proposal will be presented to the Board at its April 26, 2018 meeting, seeking authorization to purchase 3,150 iPad units. Based upon the current quote, the total request would be \$894,000.

Additional information on the One-to-One program update is available [here](#).

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2018, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.